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1. AS REPORTED REF (B) NEW ZEALAND WILL BE
REPRESENTED AT THE PHOSPHATE PREPARATORY CONSULTATION BY
A MEMBER OF THE STAFF OF ITS GENEVA MISSION.

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2. MOST NEW ZEALAND SOILS ARE PHOSPHATE DEFICIENT
AND MUST BE TREATED ANNUALLY WITH PHOSPHATE FERTILIZERS
IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE COUNTRY'S SUBSTANTIAL PASTORAL
PRODUCTS OUTPUT. NEW ZEALAND IMPORTS OVER ONE MILLION
TONS OF ROCK PHOSPHATE EACH YEAR AND CONTINUED
ACCESS TO SUCH QUANTITIES AT REASONABLE PRICES IS VITAL

TO THE ECONOMY.

3. GIVEN THESE CONSIDERATIONS THE NZ MISSION IN GENEVA HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO OPPOSE ANY MOVE WHICH WOULD LIMIT PHOSPHATE SUPPLIES IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE, WOULD SUPPORT ROCK PHOSPHATE PRICES AT ARTIFICIALLY HIGH LEVELS OR WOULD CONFINE PROCESSING OF PHOSPHATES TO THE PRODUCER COUNTRIES.

4. NEW ZEALAND'S PRESENT PHOSPHATE SOURCES ARE NAURU AND CHRISTMAS ISLANDS. OCEAN ISLAND IS EXPECTED TO BE DEPLETED OF ECONOMICALLY EXPLOITABLE ROCK PHOSPHATE BY 1979 AND THE OTHER TWO SOURCES WITHIN THE NEXT TEN YEARS. OCEAN ISLAND PHOSPHATE IS MINED AND MARKETING BY THE BRITISH PHOSPHATE COMMISSION (BPC); THAT INSTITUTION IS EXPECTED TO MEET ITS DEMISE WITHIN THE NEXT TWO YEARS. THE BPC ALSO MARKETS NAURU PHOSPHATES AND FROM 1979 WILL BE REPLACED IN THAT FUNCTION BY THE CHRISTMAS ISLAND PHOSPHATE COMMISSION, A UK-AUSTRALIA-NZ ENTERPRISE WHICH MINES AND MARKETS THE PHOSPHATES OF CHRISTMAS ISLAND. IN VIEW OF THE EVENTUAL DEPLETION OF ITS EXISTING ROCK PHOSPHATE SOURCES NZ IS VERY INTERESTED IN THE FORTHCOMING CONSULTATIONS. HEALY

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